

**JACKSON PARISH
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT
JONESBORO, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Jonesboro, Louisiana

Financial Report
December 31, 2009

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JACKSON PARISH AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT

JONESBORO, LOUISIANA 71251

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District's (hereafter referred to as the District) annual financial report presents an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2009. Certain comparative information with the previous year is presented to provide an overview of the District's operations.

Financial Highlights

The Basic Financial Statements of the District report information about the District using Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) accounting principles. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The Statement of Net Assets (page 7) includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amount of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to District creditors (liabilities). All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets (pages 8-9). This statement measures improvements in the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has been able to recover all of its costs through its patient service revenue and other revenue sources. The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows (page 10). The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the District's cash from operations, investing and financing activities, and to provide answers to such questions as "where did cash come from?", "what was cash used for?" and "what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period?"

Financial Analysis of the Ambulance District

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets report information about the District's activities. These two statements report the net assets of the District and changes in them. The District's net assets-the difference between assets and liabilities-are one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, other nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and millage, the health care industry, changes in Medicare and Medicaid regulations, and changes in commercial discounts should also be considered.

A summary of the District's basic financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Assets

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS:		
Assets	\$3,215,461	\$3,046,343
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,427,372</u>	<u>1,193,785</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$4,642,833</u>	<u>\$4,240,128</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities- Payables	\$ 49,731	\$ 58,113
Noncurrent Liabilities- Compensated Absences	<u>38,405</u>	<u>81,913</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 88,136</u>	<u>\$ 140,026</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted	<u>\$1,427,372</u> <u>3,127,325</u>	<u>\$1,193,785</u> <u>2,906,317</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$4,554,697</u>	<u>\$4,100,102</u>

Summary of Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUES:		
Operating Revenues-		
Ambulance Service	\$1,295,945	\$1,749,515
Non-Operating Revenues-		
Property Taxes & State Revenue Sharing	883,987	810,995
Grants	15,926	17,031
Miscellaneous	<u>48,141</u>	<u>90,551</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,243,999</u>	<u>\$2,668,092</u>
EXPENSES:		
Operating Expenses	\$1,756,486	\$1,951,735
Interest Expense	0	286
Statutory Deductions	<u>32,918</u>	<u>29,729</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,789,404</u>	<u>\$1,981,750</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 454,595</u>	<u>\$ 686,342</u>

Sources of Revenue

Ambulance service revenue totaled \$1,295,945 or 58% of total revenue of the District for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Expenses

The majority of the District's total expense is for payroll cost. This amounted to \$917,357 or 53% of total expenses.

Capital Assets

The District's capital assets consist of ambulances and related equipment, and the newly constructed ambulance facility.

Economic Factors

The District's major revenue source is from ambulance services. There are no significant changes projected in revenue. The District is anticipating reimbursement cuts in Medicare and Medicaid.

Contacting the Ambulance District's Financial Manager

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or requests for additional information, contact the District's Director in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tracy Wold, Director
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Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District (District), a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the major fund of the District, as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2010, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over

financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 4 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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June 18, 2010
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
December 31, 2009

ASSETS:

Current Assets-	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,062,297
Receivables	<u>1,151,014</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$3,213,311</u>
Capital Assets-	
Equipment	\$1,369,147
Building	796,139
Land	20,000
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(757,914)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$1,427,372</u>
Other Assets-	
Deposits	<u>\$ 2,150</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$4,642,833</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY:

Current Liabilities-	
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,401
Payroll Related Payables	<u>37,330</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 49,731
Non-Current Liabilities-	
Compensated Absences	<u>38,405</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 88,136</u>
Net Assets-	
Invested in Capital Assets	\$1,427,372
Unrestricted	<u>3,127,325</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$4,554,697</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$4,642,833</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets-
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

OPERATING REVENUES:

Ambulance Service	<u>\$1,295,945</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$1,295,945</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$ 14,424
Auto Fuel, Oil, & Other Maintenance Fluids	41,450
Billing/Envelopes/Letterhead/Postage	7,258
Depreciation Expense	250,168
Dues, Subscriptions, & Licenses	4,270
Insurance & Bonding	44,078
Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	66,683
Interest	68
Laundry/Uniforms	1,798
Legal & Accounting	20,733
Office Supplies	9,998
Outside Services	4,400
Payroll Taxes	70,867
Rent - Radio Tower	1,375
Rent & Lease (other)	5,509
Repairs and Maintenance	39,439
Retirement & Group Insurance	143,284
Salaries & Wages	917,357
Supplies - Medical	52,303
Supplies - Non-medical	22,121
Taxes & Licenses	1,364
Telephone & Utilities	32,946
Travel/Education/Updates	<u>4,593</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,756,486</u>
Operating Loss	<u>\$ (460,541)</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 881,403
State Revenue Sharing	2,584
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,838
Interest Income	25,323
Statutory Deductions	(32,918)
Gain on Sale of Assets	13,980
LA Hospital Association Grant	<u>15,926</u>
Total Non-operating Revenues (expenses)	<u>\$ 915,136</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 454,595
Net Assets-Beginning of Year	<u>4,100,102</u>
Net Assets-End of Year	<u>\$4,554,697</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,238,737
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(635,686)
Cash Payments to Employees	(924,672)
Non-operating Revenue	<u>789,403</u>
Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 467,782</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Capital Grant Received	\$ 15,926
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	30,000
Purchase of Capital Assets	<u>(499,775)</u>
Net Cash Provided (used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>\$ (453,849)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Investment Income	<u>\$ 25,323</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 39,256
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning of Year	<u>2,023,041</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents-End of Year	<u>\$2,062,297</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Loss	\$ (460,541)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided (used) by Operating Activities-	
Depreciation	250,168
Non-operating Revenue	859,907
Changes in Assets and Liabilities-	
(Increase) Decrease in Other Assets	(2,150)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(127,711)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(8,383)
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	<u>(43,508)</u>
Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 467,782</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Notes to Financial Statements
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INTRODUCTION

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9053, the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District was created by an ordinance of the Jackson Parish Police Jury on May 4, 1998. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury. Commissioners are residents of the parish and serve terms of 3-6 years. The commissioners do not receive compensation.

The District was created for the purpose of owning and operating ambulances for the transportation of persons suffering from illness, disabilities, or injuries necessitating ambulance care.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Basis of Presentation-

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity-

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Jackson Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Jackson Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Jackson Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Police Jury.
2. Organizations for which the Jackson Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Jackson Parish Police Jury.

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3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Jackson Parish Police Jury appoints the organization's governing body, and the ability of the Jackson Parish Police Jury to impose its will on the District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying general purpose financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Jackson Parish Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting-

The District uses one fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District, uses an enterprise fund type of the proprietary fund category to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

As a proprietary activity, the District applies all applicable pronouncements by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), as well as those pronouncements by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), Accounting Principles Board, and the Committee on Accounting Procedure issued prior to November 30, 1989. The District also applied all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with, or contradict, GASB pronouncements, that are developed for business enterprises.

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D. Basis of Accounting-

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the balance sheet. The proprietary fund uses the accrual basis of accounting; revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the related liabilities are incurred.

Ad Valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. Ad valorem taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. Ambulance service revenues are recorded net of charges disallowed by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents-

The District has deposits in highly liquid investment vehicles such as certificates of deposit. Under State law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. The District may also purchase investments in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

F. Compensated Absences-

All full-time employees earn annual and sick leave at varying rates from four to six days each year depending on length of service. There is a maximum accrual with varying hours depending on length of service. Upon termination, employees will receive compensation for all unused annual leave at the employees' current rate of pay.

G. Capital Assets-

The capital assets of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District enterprise fund are included on the Statement of Net Assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the enterprise fund operation is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is 5 to 10 years for ambulances and equipment and 40 years for buildings.

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December 31, 2009

H. Estimates-

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Levied Taxes:

For the year ended December 31, 2009, taxes of 4.75 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$206,383,930. The District's tax calendar is presented in section D above.

Total taxes collected for 2009 were \$881,403. The five largest taxpayers and their assessed valuation are as follows:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Exco Operating Co.	\$83,258,350
Smurfit-Stone Corporation	16,579,710
Centerpoint Energy Gas	11,658,880
Gulf South Pipeline	11,029,430
Regency Intrastate Pipeline	5,062,200

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

At December 31, 2009, the District had cash and cash equivalents (collected bank balances) totaling \$2,089,277. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under Louisiana law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the District. The deposits at December 31, 2009, were secured as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,089,277
FDIC	(500,000)
Pledged Securities	<u>(1,589,277)</u>
Uninsured	<u>\$ 0</u>

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category #3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirements on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2009

4. Accounts Receivable:

At year-end, the District has \$1,151,014 in receivables as follows:

Intergovernmental-	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 818,039
Accounts-	
Medicare	140,631
Private Insurance	124,909
Medicaid	58,484
Patient Self-Pays	<u>8,951</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$1,151,014</u>

Substantially all amounts are considered to be collectable and the District does not estimate or use an allowance for bad debt account.

5. Capital Assets:

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets-				
Land	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Construction in Progress	669,175	126,964	796,139	0
Building	0	796,139	0	796,139
Equipment	<u>1,023,036</u>	<u>372,811</u>	<u>26,700</u>	<u>1,369,147</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,712,211</u>	<u>\$1,295,914</u>	<u>\$822,839</u>	<u>\$2,185,286</u>
Accumulated Depreciation-				
Equipment	\$ 518,426	\$ 235,240	\$ 10,680	\$ 742,986
Building	<u>0</u>	<u>14,928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,928</u>
Total Accumulated Depr.	<u>\$ 518,426</u>	<u>\$ 250,168</u>	<u>\$ 10,680</u>	<u>\$ 757,914</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,193,785</u>	<u>\$1,045,746</u>	<u>\$812,159</u>	<u>\$1,427,372</u>

6. Compensation of Board Members:

The members of the Board of Commissioners of the District receive no compensation for their services.

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7. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan:

The District provides a 457b plan to full-time employees that have been employed with the District for at least six months. Employees may contribute up to 10% of their salary. The District will match one-half of the employees' contributions, except for management employees. Management employees are entitled to a 20% match from the District. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the District's contribution amount was \$52,355. The District does not guarantee the benefits provided by the defined contribution retirement plan.

8. Litigation and Claims:

The District is not aware of any litigation or claims at December 31, 2009.

9. Lease Agreement – Land:

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service has entered into a land lease agreement with Ernest Conn. The lease is automatically renewable with the option to end the lease with a written mutual agreement between the District and Ernest Conn. The District is to pay \$150 a month due at the first of each month. The District is responsible for all utilities and establishing the utility lines. The land is to be leased for a location in Chatham with a mobile home, covered parking, employee parking, porch, sign, and small storage building.

10. Post-Employment Benefits:

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service does not provide any post-employment benefits, therefore no disclosure for GASB 45 is required.

11. Compensated Absences:

The following is a summary of charges for the year ended December 31, 2009:

<u>Balance</u> <u>01-01-09</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12-31-09</u>
<u>\$81,913</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$(43,508)</u>	<u>\$38,405</u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Mr. Tracy Wold, Director
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District (District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financing reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operations of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal controls such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The report is intended solely for the information and use of the District's management, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and interested state and federal agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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June 18, 2010
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District
Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs
Year Ended December 31, 2009

I. Summary of Audit Reports

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District.
2. There were no significant deficiencies noted in internal control during the audit of the financial statements.
3. There were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District disclosed during the audit.

II. Findings in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

No findings.

III. Prior Year Findings

The following finding relates to the financial statements and is required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

Compliance

08-01. *Gifts and Memorials Purchased with Public Funds*

Condition – Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution prohibits the purchase of gifts and memorials with public funds.

Status – This finding is cleared as of December 31, 2009.